

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1647

BOLLEKENS et al.

Examiner: SHAFER, Shulamith H.

APPLICATION NO: 10/578,470

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FOR: USE OF FIBROBLAST GROWTH FACTOR FRAGMENTS

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on 11 December 2009, a response to which is due 11 March 2010, with a two (2) month Extension of Time fee.

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

Applicants elect Group III, Claims 18-23, drawn to a method of manufacturing a medicament. Claims 24-28 had not been treated on the merits as the Office had determined them to be in improper form. The deficiency in these claims has been corrected, as described below, and inclusion of these claims in Group III is respectfully requested.

Applicants also request that Group III be modified to include: the claims in Group IV (claims 29-31); the claims of Group V (claims 32-34); and claims 35-42. This request is detailed below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Arguments/Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.